

Members' Comments on Previous Railway Stamps with Perfins

MAURICE HARP writes:- "I was really surprised to see the piece on the Railway Perfins in Bulletin 304 as some time ago I started preparing a piece on two of these dies - MAIL - M0220.01 and LVS - L5700.01. I am lucky enough to have both dies in my collection. I can report M0220.01 on a ½d bantam (die unknown) and L5700.01 on a 1d red (plate 182). I am surprised that Roy reports this later die as being unrecorded used on stamps as it was reported by Jennings on plate 179. Plate 183 was lot 390 in Perfin Society Auction of January 1996. I have also recorded plate 189 but I can't trace where I found that record. These two dies caught my eye as both stamps are cancelled used in Cardiff and both dies were clearly made to the same design and have the same unusual alphabet. I have searched through Edwards catalogue and I can't find any other dies showing this style of alphabet with letters 9mm high. I guess that the dies were made locally in Cardiff. Like Roy I speculate that MAIL was used by the Western Mail, but I have no idea who could have used LVS (Licensed Victuallers Society - surely not!).